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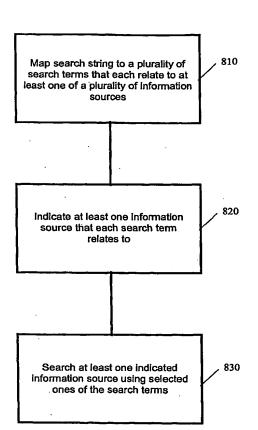
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(54) Title: METHOD, APPARATUS AND COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR SEARCHING MULTIPLE INFORMATION SOURCES



(57) Abstract: Method, apparatus and computer program products for searching a plurality of information sources are disclosed herein. One method comprises the steps of mapping a search string to a plurality of search terms wherein each search term relates to at least one of the plurality of information sources (810), and searching at least one information source using selected ones of the search terms (830). The method may comprise the optional further step of indicating at least one information source that each search term relates to (820). The apparatus and computer program product may be used to practice embodiments of the foregoing method.

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